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BOROUGH OF FAVERSHAM



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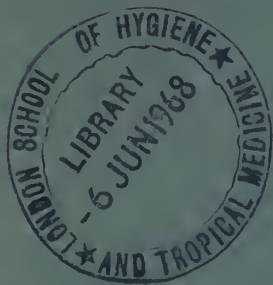
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M E D I C A L   O F F I C E R   o f   H E A L T H

Presented by -

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THE TOWN COUNCIL  
OF THE  
BOROUGH OF FAVERSHAM

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Municipal Offices,  
Faversham.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the Borough for 1954 including a short report on the Port Health Area.

The health of the people as far as can be ascertained from the death rate, infantile mortality rate and incidence of infectious disease appears to be satisfactory. The crude death rate for the Borough is considerably increased by inclusion of 73 deaths which occurred in Bensted House. In future years I hope it will be possible to detach from these deaths those who have had no domicile in Faversham.

The Infantile Mortality rate 15.2 is the lowest recorded for the Borough since 1939 and compares very favourably with that of England and Wales 25.5 which is also the lowest ever recorded.

Two of the three deaths occurred during the first four weeks of life arising from causes mainly previous to birth and over which environmental circumstances have no control.

There were 107 cases of Whooping Cough notified during the year and 79 in the previous year. The illness occurred principally in children of pre school and early school life and is frequently a distressing complaint causing sleepless disturbed nights. There is no evidence available regarding the number of children who have been immunised against this disease. It is established that immunisation does provide a large measure of protection and vaccinated children who develop Whooping Cough have less severe attacks. Immunisation is now carried out to a large extent in association with Diphtheria prophylaxis and the recent vaccines which are given subcutaneously do not cause the severe reactions which were sometimes noted with the intramuscular injections.

The work of the department increased during the year with the additional amount of slaughtering and work on slum clearance.

Dr. Frank Hauxwell was your Medical Officer of Health for 1954 and this report is an account of the work carried out by his department during the year.

I would like to record my thanks to Mr. A.J. Hurn your Sanitary Inspector who is responsible for Sections V to VIII and for his help in preparing this report.

I am,  
Your Obedient Servant,

J.T. Murphy.

SECTION I  
STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS  
OF THE AREA

Climatology

The total rainfall during the year was 27.43 inches as compared with 20.34 inches in 1953 and 26.60 inches in 1952.

The Maximum and Minimum temperatures, together with the rainfall recorded each month, are shown in Appendix "A".

Area

3,070 acres. No change.

Population

The estimated mid-year population for 1954 as given by the Registrar General was 12,270, an increase of 20 over the estimated population for the previous year.

Number of Inhabited Houses

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1954 was 4,383 as compared with 4,312 at the end of 1953. Towards this increase 72 houses (including 12 flats) were provided by the Council, 5 were Police Houses and 3 were constructed privately, but during the year 9 houses ceased to be used as habitations either by reason of demolition or conversion to other purposes, so that the net increase in habitable houses was 71.

Rateable Value

£81,051 as compared with £79,071.

Sum Represented by the Penny Rate

£322. 2s. 6.32d., an increase of £9. 3s. 7.76d. on the figure for 1953.

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SECTION II  
VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The number of births during 1954 was 198. This is an increase of 7 over the previous year.



Of the total births belonging to the area (198) during 1954, 32 were born in local Nursing Homes and 54 were born outside the area. Of the latter 46 were born at Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
(i) Live Births - Legitimate	112 ( 97)	82 ( 81)	194 (178)
Illegitimate	1 ( 6)	3 ( 7)	4 ( 13)
Totals	113 (103)	85 ( 88)	198 (191)

(ii) Still Births - The number of still-births in 1954 was 3 being one more than in 1953. This represents 1.4% of all live and still births. One was illegitimate.

(iii) Illegitimate Births - These numbered 4 during 1954 being nine less than in the previous year. The percentage of illegitimate births to total births was 2.0%. 1953 percentage was 6.8%.

(iv) Birth Rate - The crude birth rate for the year was 16.1 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The corrected birth rate for 1954 was 16.9.

The birth rate for England and Wales as a whole was 15.2 per 1,000 of the population.

(v) Table 11 shows the number of births and the birth rates since 1945, and the number of illegitimate births each year during the same period.

### Deaths

(a) The number of deaths occurring in and assignable to the Borough during 1954 was 220. Of these 108 were males & 112 females, being 12 fewer than in the previous year. All deaths occurring at Bensted House irrespective of whether the person was previously a resident in Faversham or not are now assigned to Faversham. Of the 220 deaths 73 occurred at Bensted House.

(b) The following table shows the age groups in which the deaths occurred:-

TABLE I

Sex	Under one year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-	85 and over	Total
Males	2	-	-	-	2	1	8	17	26	40	12	108
Females	1	-	-	-	1	2	3	9	20	37	39	112
Totals	3	-	-	-	3	3	11	26	46	77	51	220



The average age of death was 73.6 years, being 70.2 for males and 76.8 for females. The oldest death was that of a female aged 100 years.

(c) The crude death rate for 1954 was 17.9 per 1,000 of the population as compared with 18.9 in the preceding year. The corrected death rate i.e., the rate adjusted for age and sex distribution to that of England and Wales as a whole, was 12.7 per 1,000. The rate for England and Wales was 11.3 per 1,000.

(d) Table II shows the number of death rates since 1945 and Table III shows the causes of death during 1954 classified by the Registrar General under 36 headings based on the Abbreviated List of the International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Cause of Death.

TABLE II

Births, Deaths and Infant Mortality - 1945 - 1954.

Year	Births			Deaths		Infant Mortality	
	Illegitimate births	Total live births	Crude birth Rate	No. of Deaths	Crude Death Rate	Total Infant Deaths	Infant Mortality Rate
1945	18	282	25.0	174	15.4	9	31.9
1946	3	389	32.5	160	13.4	11	28.3
1947	17	254	30.8	171	14.0	7	27.1
1948	16	225	18.5	166	13.6	8	35.5
1949	9	218	17.6	184	14.9	4	18.3
1950	4	188	14.9	157	12.4	8	42.5
1951	6	175	14.2	150	12.2	5	28.5
1952	12	203	16.6	267	21.8	5	24.6
1953	13	191	15.5	232	18.9	4	20.9
1954	4	198	16.1	220	17.9	3	15.2

TABLE III

Classification of Causes	Males	Females	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	3 ( - )	1 ( - )	4 ( - )
2. Tuberculosis, other	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
3. Syphilitic disease	1 ( - )	- ( - )	1 ( - )
4. Diphtheria	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
5. Whooping Cough	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
6. Meningococcal infections	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
8. Measles	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
9. Other infective and parastitic diseases	1 ( 1 )	- ( - )	1 ( 1 )
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4 ( 2 )	5 ( 2 )	9 ( 4 )
11. " " lung, bronchus	3 ( 4 )	1 ( - )	4 ( 4 )
12. " " breast	- ( - )	1 ( 6 )	1 ( 6 )
13. " " uterus	- ( - )	2 ( 2 )	2 ( 2 )
14. Other malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	10 ( 13 )	11 ( 13 )	21 ( 26 )
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
16. Diabetes	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	19 ( 29 )	23 ( 24 )	42 ( 53 )
18. Coronary disease, angina	12 ( 15 )	8 ( 7 )	20 ( 22 )
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1 ( 2 )	2 ( 1 )	3 ( 3 )
20. Other heart disease	29 ( 30 )	40 ( 39 )	69 ( 69 )
21. Other circulatory disease	3 ( 1 )	5 ( 2 )	8 ( 3 )
22. Influenza	1 ( 3 )	- ( 3 )	1 ( 6 )
23. Pneumonia	- ( 3 )	- ( 3 )	- ( 6 )
24. Bronchitis	4 ( 2 )	3 ( 1 )	7 ( 3 )
25. Other disease of respiratory system	2 ( - )	- ( - )	2 ( - )
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodeum	1 ( 3 )	- ( - )	1 ( 3 )
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	- ( 2 )	1 ( 1 )	1 ( 3 )
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	- ( - )	- ( 1 )	- ( 1 )
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	2 ( - )	- ( - )	2 ( - )
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
31. Congenital malformations	1 ( - )	1 ( - )	2 ( - )
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6 ( 6 )	3 ( 4 )	9 ( 10 )
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2 ( 2 )	1 ( - )	3 ( 2 )
34. All other accidents	- ( 2 )	3 ( 2 )	3 ( 4 )
35. Suicide	3 ( 1 )	1 ( - )	4 ( 1 )
36. Homicide and operations of war.	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
All causes	108 (121)	112 (111)	220 (232)

(Figures in brackets refer to the preceding year)

## Infant Mortality

The number of deaths of infants under 1 year was 3 in 1954 being one less than in the previous year. The infant mortality rate for the year was 15.2. Infant mortality rate for England and Wales as a whole was 25.5.

The number of infant deaths each year and the infant mortality rate since 1945 is shown in Table 11.

Particulars in regard to the deaths that occurred in 1954 were as follows:-

Cause of Death	Sex	Age at Death	Place of Birth	Place of Death
Asphyxia				
Misadventure	F	2 months	Hospital	Home
Prematurity	M	1 day	Hospital	Hospital
Congenital Malformations	M	6 hours	Hospital	Hospital

## SECTION III

### INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The number of infectious Diseases notified in 1954 was 137 being 64 less than in the previous year, (201 cases in 1953). This reduction is due to the small number of measles notified there being 79 in the previous year. One isolated case of food poisoning, the cause of which was not established, was notified during the year.

The total number of Infectious Diseases occurring and the number admitted to hospital and the total deaths from disease as shown in the Registrar General's classification of deaths are shown in Table IV and the age distribution of cases occurring is shown in Table V.



Table VI shows the incidence of Infectious Diseases in the Borough in 1954 in comparison with the previous ten years.

TABLE VI

Incidence of Infectious Disease during the undermentioned years.

	1944	'45	'46	'47	'48	'49	'50	'51	'52	'53	'54
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	4	3	3	6	6	14	34	3	5	2	2
Diphtheria	3	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	117	126	136	11	206	13	373	106	372	79	4
Whooping Cough	24	42	31	92	46	8	49	256	9	79	107
Erysipelas	1	-	2	-	3	1	2	4	1	2	-
Pneumonia	1	-	2	7	5	10	8	14	15	18	9
Typhus Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fever	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	1	-	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	12	45	-	-	1	-	8	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	2	-	2	2	-	-	3	-	2	1

### TUBERCULOSIS

#### 1. Incidence and Deaths

There were 6 new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during 1954, 3 less than in the previous year. There were no cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis notified.

During 1954 4 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.



Table VII shows the number of cases notified and the deaths attributed to Tuberculosis since 1945.

TABLE VII

Tuberculosis - Notifications and Deaths - 1945 - 1954.

Year	No. of Primary Notifications received		Deaths		Death Rate per 10,000 of Population	
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary
1945	3	1	5	-	4.4	-
1946	8	2	6	-	5.0	-
1947	10	5	3	-	2.4	-
1948	23	8	6	1	4.9	0.8
1949	8	8	5	1	4.1	0.8
1950	4	5	2	-	1.5	-
1951	8	1	5	-	4.0	-
1952	20	1	3	-	2.4	-
1953	9	2	-	-	-	-
1954	6	-	4	-	3.3	-

## 2. Tuberculosis Register

The number and types of cases at present in the Area and on the Tuberculosis Register are shown in Table VIII.

TABLE VIII

Summary of Tuberculosis Register

	Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary		Totals
	M	F	M	F	
On Tuberculosis Register 1/1/54.	41 (38)	37 (30)	18 (18)	12 (13)	108 (99)
Transferred to Borough	3 (2)	2 (2)	- (-)	- (-)	5 (4)
Notified in Borough	3 (4)	3 (5)	- (1)	- (1)	6 (11)
Returned to Borough	- (-)	1 (2)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (2)
	47 (44)	43 (39)	18 (19)	12 (14)	120 (116)
Deaths	3 (1)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	4 (1)
Removed from Borough	- (1)	2 (2)	- (-)	- (-)	2 (3)
Recovered	- (1)	- (-)	2 (1)	2 (2)	4 (4)
Balance remaining on Register 31/12/54.	44 (41)	40 (37)	16 (18)	10 (12)	110 (108)

I am indebted to Dr. D. Clarke, Consultant Chest Physician for the following further particulars regarding patients from the Faversham Area:-

(a) Number of patients from the Borough of Faversham who attended the Chest Clinic during 1954 (this includes contacts, etc.)	...	156
(b) Total number of attendances during the year by patients in (a) above	...	334
(c) Number of patients from the Borough of Faversham who received Sanatorium treatment during the year	...	13

### IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

#### 1. Diphtheria Immunisation

The County Medical Officer reports that during 1954 176 children under 5 years of age and 33 children between the ages of 5 and 15 years were immunised against Diphtheria, and a further 227 children received re-inforcing inoculations, (163 under 5 years of age and 16 children between the ages of 5 and 15 years during 1953).

#### 2. Vaccination Against Smallpox

The County Medical Officer also reports that during the same period 151 primary vaccinations and 12 re-vaccinations against Smallpox were carried out. Of the 151 primary vaccinations, 83 were children under 1 year of age and 52 of children aged 1 to 2 years - total 135.

### SECTION IV

#### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

##### 1. National Health Services

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council. These Services include the Care of Mothers and Young Children, the provision of Midwives, Health Visiting and Home Nursing, Vaccination and Immunisation, Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care, and Domestic Help Services.

Chest Clinics and the care of Tuberculosis patients are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, as also is Mental Welfare.



The various clinics in connection with these Services are held as follows:-

### Clinics and Sessions

- | (a) <u>Queen's Hall</u>   | Day                | Time           |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| Child Welfare   | Tuesday and Friday | 2 - 4 p.m.     |
| Ante-natal, Post-natal<br>and Family Planning   | Monday             | 2 - 4 p.m.     |
| Relaxation Classes  | Monday             | 2.30-3.30 p.m. |
| (Immunisation is carried out at the Child Welfare Clinic)<br>on Friday afternoons, if required, but vaccinations are all<br>referred to own Doctor) |                    |                |
- (b) School Clinic  
Solomon's Lane
- |                      |       |  |
|----------------------|-------|--|
| Minor Ailment Clinic | Daily |  |
|----------------------|-------|--|
- (c) Chest Clinic  
South Road
- |  |                           |            |
|--|---------------------------|------------|
|  | Thursday (by appointment) | 10.30.a.m. |
|--|---------------------------|------------|
- Cases for X-Ray and Artificial Pneumothorax are referred to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital as and when required.
- (d) Domestic Help - Application can be made at the Kent County Welfare Office, West Street. Mon., Tues., Fri.: 9-10 a.m. or Wed., Thurs., Sat.: 9 a.m. - 12 noon.
- (e) Psychiatric-Clinic  
South Road
- This clinic is held every Thursday at 5.0 p.m.  
Appointments are made through St. Augustine's Hospital  
Commenced, 28th January, 1954.

## 2. School Health Services

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer for the following information on the work of the School Health Service in the Borough.

### (i) Medical Inspection:-

(a) Number of Children inspected (periodic inspections)	779 (981)
(b) Number found requiring treatment	130 (135)
(c) percentage requiring treatment	16.6% (13.7%)

## (d) Frequency of main defects requiring treatment

Eyes	34.7% (44.4%)
Ear, Nose and Throat	25.1% ( 6.5%)
Orthopaedic	21.7% (32.0%)
Heart & Circulation	.3% ( 2.6%)
Lungs	.3% ( 1.3%)

## (ii) Classification of General Condition of Pupils:-

Age Groups	Number of Pupils Inspected	'A' (Good)		'B' (Fair)		'C' (Poor)	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Entrants	252	120	47.6	130	51.6	2	0.8
Second Age Group	184	72	39.1	100	54.4	12	6.5
Third Age Group	115	51	44.4	61	53.0	3	2.6
Other Periodic Inspections	228	125	54.8	102	44.7	1	0.5
Total	779	368	47.2	393	50.5	18	2.3

(iii) Dental Inspection and Treatment:-

(a) Number of children inspected	1,214 (1,683)
(b) Number found to require treatment	488 ( 746)
(c) Percentage requiring treatment	40.2% (44.3%)

(iv) Infestation with Vermin

(a) Total number of examinations in the schools by the school nurses or other authorised persons	5,866 (5,215)
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	22 (22)
(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2) Education Act, 1944).	9 (6)

(v) Comment

These figures indicate that generally the health and physical condition of the children in the Borough remains good.

SECTION VSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA1. General Sanitary Circumstances(a) Water Supply

Circumstances as regards water supply are similar to those obtaining during the preceding year. The main supply is provided by the Faversham Water Company and is adequate in quantity and of excellent quality. Six samples were taken for bacteriological examination during the year and all were satisfactory.

Eleven houses are dependant on private wells, the remainder receive a main supply.

(b) Drainage and Sewerage

There have been no additions to the existing sewerage system during the year and circumstances in this respect are similar to those reported last year.

(c) Scavenging

This service is administered by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, house refuse being disposed of by means of controlled tipping.

(d) School Sanitation

There have been no alterations during the year and the circumstances in this respect are satisfactory.

(e) Public Conveniences

New public conveniences for the accommodation of men and women were completed during the year on a site in Back Lane adjacent to the new car park. The accommodation provided for women in Back Lane has now become redundant and has been closed.

(f) Hop-pickers Camps.

There are two encampments at Queen Court and Westwood Court Farms accommodating some six to seven hundred people, mainly women and children, during the season.

The camps are occupied during September for a matter of three to four weeks and are usually kept in a reasonably good Sanitary condition.

(g) Mortuary Accommodation

There has been no alteration during the year in this respect the Mortuary at the Cottage Hospital being used as required.

## 2. Inspection and Supervision of Food

### (a) Milk

Five premises are registered as dairies and there are six registered distributors. Two dairies carry out the Holder method of pasteurisation under the supervision of the County Council as Food and Drugs Authority. Dealers licences have been granted to twenty-one general shop proprietors to retail Sterilized Milk.

Four samples of Pasteurised, four of Tuberculin Tested and four of Sterilized Milk were taken during the year. All were satisfactory.

### (b) Meat

On 31st July, 1954 the control of meat marketing by the Government ceased and the slaughterhouse in Flood Lane no longer came under the control of the Ministry of Food.

A syndicate of local butchers was formed to operate the slaughterhouse for the purpose of the slaughter of animals for local needs. The slaughterhouse was licensed and the arrangement has so far worked satisfactorily & amicably.

There was an increase in the number of animals slaughtered as compared with the previous year, i.e., 1953 4,369, 1954 - 5,545. The increase mainly concerned pigs of which 1,000 more were slaughtered than in the previous year. The amount of meat and organs condemned at the slaughterhouse totalled 4 tons 13 cwt. 7 lbs.

The following Table IX shows particulars of the animals slaughtered and diseased conditions found.

TABLE IX

	Cattle ex- cluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
No. killed .....	734 (763)	197 (166)	153 (238)	2,466 (2,210)	1,995 (992)	5,545 (4,369)
No. inspected	734 (763)	197 (166)	153 (238)	2,466 (2,210)	1,995 (992)	5,545 (4,369)
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	- (2)	2 (1)	- (1)	12 (5)	10 (6)	24 (15)
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	74 (71)	14 (57)	- (2)	106 (62)	20 (29)	214 (221)



TABLE IX (Continued)

	Cattle ex- cluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	10% (9.5%)	8.1% (34.9%)	- (1.2%)	4.7% (3.0%)	1.5% (3.5%)	
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	3 (2)	2 (1)	- -	- -	2 -	7 (3)
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	55 (29)	31 (32)	- -	- -	2 (2)	88 (63)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	7.9% (4.0%)	16.7% (19.8%)	- -	- -	.2% (.2%)	

(figures in brackets are the corresponding figures for 1953).

### (c) Other Foods

Almost eight tons of other foodstuffs were condemned for various reasons as unfit for human consumption. This amount included five ton of potatoes affected by blight. In addition to the foregoing 276 cases of grapefruit each containing four dozen fruits were condemned for decomposition. This was part of a consignment sent to Messrs. East Kent Packers, Ltd. by a firm of importers for sorting and repacking and its condition was due to the hold-up of the discharge of a ship's cargo.

### (d) Preparation of Preserved Foods

Twenty-nine premises are registered under the Food and Drugs Act under this heading which includes fish frying, sausage manufacture and the preparation of cooked meat.

Routine inspections are made and the premises generally are kept in a satisfactory condition.

(e) Ice Cream

Fifty-one premises are now registered for the sale of ice-cream, an increase of two on the preceding year. No ice-cream is manufactured in the district and the major portion is sold as pre-packed by the manufacturers.

(f) Bakehouses

There are seven bakehouses which are generally kept in a satisfactory condition.

(g) Food Hygiene

Generally speaking the premises where food is prepared or handled are kept in a satisfactory condition. The following table shows these premises and the number of inspections made during the year.

TABLE XFOOD PREMISES

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Butchers	13	150
Pork Butchers	3	21
Grocers and General Shops	119	83
Fishmongers	4	67
*Fish Fryers	7	12
Bakers and Confectioners	11	14
Greengrocers	9	15
Dairies	5	27
Teashops	9	13
Hotels	5	7
*Ice-cream	51	37
*Preserved Food	22	20
Total	258	466

\*Registered under Food & Drugs Act, 1938, Section 14.

(h) Food & Drugs Act, 1938

By courtesy of the Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department, the following details are given of samples taken in Faversham under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

<u>Article</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>No.</u>
Beef Suet	1	B/fd.	5
Buttered Cracknels	1	Cake Mix	1
Bitter Beer	3	Chocolate Egg	1
C/fd.	5	C/fd.	7

Article	No.	Article	No.
	B/fd.		B/fd.
Choc Ice	1	Marzipan	2
Creamalgin Rubifacient Balm	1	Meringue Mix	1
Demerara Sugar	1	Milk	23
Epsom Salt Tablets	1	Plastules	1
Ferraplex 'B' Haematinic Compound	1	Quinolol Ointment	1
Gin	1	Self-Raising Flour	1
Glycerine	1	Special Mild Beer	1
Ground Ginger	1	Whisky	2
Ground Rice	1	White Pepper	1
Iced Lolly	1	Zinc and Castor Oil, B.P.	1
Lemon Flavour Pie Filling	1	Zinc Oxide Plaster, B.P.C.	1
Malt Vinegar	1	Total	<u>54</u>
	C/fd.		<u>19</u>

### SUMMARY

Milks .....	23
Drugs .....	8
Spirits .....	3
Other samples ..	<u>20</u>
	<u>54</u>
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All the above samples were genuine with the exception of the following:-

<u>Sample of</u>	<u>Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
T.T. Guernsey Milk	Inferior. Fat 3.7%, Solids not Fat 8.90%. Deficient 8% minimum amount of fat.	Further samples to be obtained
Malt Vinegar coloured with Caramel.	Inferior. Acetic acid 4.6 W/v, Salt 0.64 W/v (not declared).	Manufacturers will amend labels to include a declaration that salt is an ingredient.

### 3. Disinfection and Disinfestation

Six disinfections were carried out during the year as follows:-

Tuberculosis	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Scarlet Fever	1
Cancer	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>6</u>

This compares with 7 for the previous year.

Two premises infested with bed-bugs and another with fleas were sprayed with a D.D.T. preparation with good results.



#### 4. Rodent Control

A total of 330 inspections were made during the year in connection with Rodent Control and 74 treatments carried out. This number includes two sewer treatments.

The following table shows particulars of inspections and treatments.

	Type of Property				
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricultural	All other including Business Premises	Total
1. Total number of Properties in Local Authority District	23	4,375	9	211	4,618
2. Number of Properties inspected by Local Authority	28	200	2	100	330
3. Number of properties inspected found to be infested by rats	6	22	-	18	46
4. No. of Properties inspected found to be seriously infested by mice	-	1	-	3	4
5. No. of Properties treated by Local Authority	6	40	-	28	74

#### 5. Rag Flock Act, 1951

There are no premises in the Borough to which this Act applies.

#### 6. Pet Animals Act, 1951

Two premises are licensed under this Act and are mainly concerned with the occasional sale of cage birds.

#### 7. Summary

Appendix 'B' Summarises Sanitary Inspections and visits (other than those in connection with Housing) carried out during the year.

SECTION VIHOUSING

1. The following is a summary of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the year.

(a) Inspections of Dwelling-houses for housing defects .....	95
(b) Number of Dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .....	23
(c) Number of housing defects found (other than in (b) above ) .....	94
(d) Number of defects remedied without services of formal notices .....	94
(e) (i) Number of Statutory Notices served under Public Health Act .....	-
(ii) Number of Statutory Notices complied with .....	-
(f) (i) Number of new houses erected by Local Authority .....	72
(ii) Number of new houses erected by Private Enterprise .....	8
(including 5 Police houses)	

2. The following Statement shows the various types of nuisances and Housing defects dealt with:-

	<u>Defects</u>	<u>Visits &amp; Revisits</u>
Absence of W.C. flushing cistern ...	1	3
Defective W.C. structure ...	2	2
Defective W.C. pans and cisterns ...	9	15
Blocked drains ...	34	44
Defective drains ...	4	6
Overflowing cesspools ...	2	4
Leaking and defective roofs ...	11	17
Dampness ...	5	9
Defective walls ...	3	6
Defective floors ...	7	9
Defective ceilings ...	6	9
Defective stoves and coppers ...	3	4
Defective doors and windows ...	3	4
Defective sinks and wastepipes ...	4	7
Defective eaves gutters ...	2	2
Defective flues and chimneys ...	3	3
Verminous premises ...	3	6
Defective water service pipes ...	5	8
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Totals ...	107	158
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### 3. Unfit Houses

Continuing with the Council's five years Slum Clearance programme four areas containing a total of twenty-two houses were dealt with during the year. In the case of two areas comprising 6 and 3 houses respectively the Minister instituted enquiries on the objection to the Orders by the owners. In each case the Order was confirmed by the Minister. One individual unfit house was also dealt with during the year.

### 4. Provision of Houses

The following table shows the number of houses built each year since the end of the war.

TABLE XII.

Year	Council Temporary	Houses Permanent	Police Houses	Private Enterprise	Total
1946	50	-	-	1	51
1947	-	18	-	5	23
1948	-	53	-	10	63
1949	-	71	5	10	86
1950	-	61	-	11	72
1951	-	80	2	8	90
1952	-	66	-	7	73
1953	-	60	-	10	70
1954	-	72	5	3	80
Totals	50	481	12	65	608

SECTION VIIFACTORY ADMINISTRATION

## 1. (i) Number of Factories on Register:-

(a) Factories with mechanical power ...	73
(b) Factories without mechanical power ...	32
Total...	105

## (ii) Number of Inspections:-

(a) Factories with mechanical power ...	33
(b) Factories without mechanical power ...	15
Total ...	48

## 2. Cases in which defects were found:-

	Found	Remedied	Referred	
			To. H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences re- lating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-
Totals	4	4	-	-

SECTION VIIIFAVERSHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

1. There has been no alteration during the year in the Area of the Port and the character of shipping and trade is similar to that reported last year.

2. Amount of Shipping entering the Port during the year:-

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease aboard
			Medical Officer	Sanitary Inspector	
(i) Eastern Section					
(a) Coastwise	369	37,404	Nil	3	Nil
(b) Foreign	17	2,105	Nil	2	Nil
(ii) Western Section					
(a) Coastwise	617	62,582	Nil	2	Nil
(b) Foreign	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	1,003	102,091	Nil	7	Nil

### 3. Inspections

Seven inspections were made during the year, i.e., five in the eastern and two in the western section. No nuisances were found and there were no cases of infectious disease reported.

Other particulars relating to the Port are as reported last year.

APPENDIX "A"

Readings Recorded at the Borough Sewage Works  
(By courtesy of Mr. Colin Walton)

Month	Temperatures		Rainfall (in inches)	
	Maximum	Minimum		
January ...	56 (54)	13 (25)	2.16 (.91)	
February ...	53 (56)	14 (25)	1.83 (.95)	
March ...	62 (64)	28 (25)	2.20 (.16)	
April ...	64 (65)	28 (29)	.20 (1.43)	
May ...	86 (85)	37 (32)	1.67 (1.71)	
June ...	79 (81)	44 (41)	3.63 (2.36)	
July ...	80 (85)	46 (46)	1.89 (2.81)	
August ...	83 (89)	46 (48)	3.87 (1.41)	
September ..	84 (76)	38 (40)	1.23 (3.59)	
October ...	70 (70)	30 (31)	2.06 (2.15)	
November ...	52 (59)	30 (32)	5.30 (1.91)	
December ...	56 (59)	26 (32)	1.39 (.95)	
Total ...			27.43 (20.34)	

APPENDIX "B"Particulars of Sanitary Inspections and Visits

Infectious Disease and Disinfections	...	6
Slaughterhouse	...	627
Butchers Shops	...	150
Grocers Shops	...	83
Fish shops	...	67
Dairies	...	27
Bakehouses	...	10
Food Preparing Premises	...	20
Fish Frying Establishments	...	28
Ice Cream Shops	...	44
Fruit and Vegetable Shops	...	16
Factories	...	57
Rats and Mice	...	328
Verminous Premises	...	4
Total	...	1,467